

FW: Morning Flags - February 2nd 2022

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Good morning sir,

Here are the issues we're tracking this AM. We received no questions on the morning call.

1. Convoy

<https://globalnews.ca/news/8587838/trucker-convoy-protest-arrests/>

<https://www.ctvnews.ca/politics/feds-dismiss-suggestion-they-should-step-in-as-trucker-convoy-protests-continue-1.576320>

- Last night OPS announced that they had arrested two convoy participants – one for mischief under \$5,000, another for bringing a weapon to a lawful assembly.
- Protestors continue to say they plan to stay in Ottawa for the long term, until federal vaccine mandates are lifted.
- Ottawa city councillor Catherine McKenney has publicly called on the federal government to get involved in policing the convoy. Yesterday morning she tweeted "Wellington St is under federal jurisdiction, as is Parliament Hill. The RCMP must take over operations there & let our services begin to enforce the horn blasting, illegal parking, dangerous driving & harassment in our neighborhoods."
- Minister Mendicino told reporters in response to these calls that "Ottawa police are the police of jurisdiction when it comes to Wellington Street and the city generally, but federal public safety partners, including the RCMP, PPS [Parliamentary Protective Service], sergeant-at-arms, have been in constant communication with Ottawa police."
- OPS is expected to brief city council and the Police Services Board again today at 2PM, which will be streamed live.

Emergency Prep lines (internal office use only)

- All Canadians have a right to free and peaceful assembly under the Charter – at the same time, hateful symbols and rhetoric have no place on Parliament Hill or anywhere in Canada.
- In addition to the presence of hateful imagery, we saw reprehensible incidents occur over the weekend at the National War Memorial, the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, and the Shepherds of Good Hope shelter.
- We condemn this behaviour in the strongest terms, and thank law enforcement for their ongoing efforts to ensure public safety and order.

- As these protests continue, we are closely monitoring the impact that these disruptions are having on nearby neighbourhoods and will continue to provide support to public safety officials managing this event.

2. Coutts (Public Safety)

<https://globalnews.ca/news/8585533/alberta-rcmp-coutts-protest-convoy/>

- A blockade near the border of Coutts, AB remains in place, making it the 5th day of the stand-off.
- RCMP had said Tuesday afternoon that negotiations to have the protesters leave on their own had failed and it was time to enforce the law.
- When RCMP started to approach the vehicles, additional protestors north of Coutts breached a police barricade and joined the blockade.
- Premier Kenney stated that he had reports of protesters assaulting RCMP officers “including one instance trying to ram members of the RCMP, later leading to a collision with a civilian vehicle.”
- Coutts’ mayor has told media that the ongoing protest is isolating his 250 constituents – some children were forced to stay home from school Monday as their school bus could not get into the community. There are also reports of residents not receiving at-home medical care.
- A number of truckers remain stranded on the US side of the border as well.

Public Safety lines:

- We are aware of the convoy blockade at the Coutts, Alberta Point of Entry.
- Ensuring the safe and efficient passage of all vehicles and transport trucks is essential to the function of our supply chains, and efficiency of our economy.
- We are working with the RCMP to clear this blockade and allow safe passage

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